

1        1. In a heat pipe in which a boundary structure forms an  
2 enclosed vapor chamber, the improvement comprising: at least  
3 one mounting hole penetrating the heat pipe.

4        2. In a heat pipe in which a boundary structure forms an  
5 enclosed vapor chamber, the improvement comprising: at least  
6 one mounting hole penetrating the heat pipe, with the mounting  
7 hole isolated from the vapor chamber by being located within a  
8 sealed structure which is sealed to the boundary structure so  
9 that the mounting hole through the heat pipe has no access to  
10 the vapor chamber.

11       3. The heat pipe of claim 2 wherein the sealed structure is  
12 a column spanning the boundary structure.

13       4. The heat pipe of claim 2 wherein the sealed structure is  
14 a depression within one part of the boundary structure which  
15 contacts and is bonded to another part of the boundary  
16 structure.

17       5. The heat pipe of claim 2 wherein the sealed structure is  
18 a lip located at an edge of the boundary structure which is  
19 bonded to another lip at the edge of the boundary structure.

20       6. In a heat pipe in which a boundary structure forms an  
21 enclosed vapor chamber, with a capillary wick within the heat  
22 pipe attached to the part of the heat pipe which is in contact  
23 with a heat source, so that the capillary wick acts as the heat  
24 pipe evaporator, the improvement comprising: the capillary wick

1 being constructed with at least two separate sections of  
2 different materials and with a section located at the part of  
3 the heat pipe which is in contact with the heat source being  
4 formed of a material with higher heat conductivity than  
5 sections located at parts of the heat pipe not in contact with  
6 the heat source.

7 7. The heat pipe of claim 6 wherein the section of higher  
8 heat conductivity is constructed of sintered silver powder.

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